

No. 6209 號九零百二千六第 日六十月九年丑丁 禧光 HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 1877. 壹拜禮 號二十二月十癸 港香 [PRICE 24 PER MONTH]

## INDIAN FARMING BELIEFS

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED

THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF  
CELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,  
ADMIRAL, Commodore WATSON,  
SENIOR COLONEL, and OFFICERS of  
H.M.S. "AUDACIOUS."

**AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB**  
OF THE ABOVE THEATRE  
will give a  
**PERFORMANCE**  
in the  
**THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1877.**  
And to be devoted to the above purpose.

**GREENS SING LITTLE**  
**RUSSIAN**  
**FOR PRIVATE AFFAIRS."**

"**AREA-BELL**"  
will officiate. To commence at 9 P.M.  
Admission 5s. 2s. Admission 1s.  
may be had and Seats secured at  
**WATSON, CRAWFORD & Co's**, where a  
the House can be seen.

**FOR MANILA**  
on 22nd October, 1877. 1877  
teamship

"**ESMERALDA**,"  
husband, will be despatched as above on  
the 26th instant, at Noon  
night or Passage, apply to  
MAGD HEATON.  
on 20th October, 1877. 1877

**GENOA AND MARSEILLES,**  
VIA INTERMEDIATE PORTS,  
Rebating Steamer.

"**SUMATRA**."  
Cabin, 3,000 tons capacity, will be  
from Singapore for Colombo, Suez,  
Naples, Genoa, and Marseilles on  
the 30th October. Passages, and has  
Cargo and Splendid Accommodation  
passengers, carrying a Surgeon and  
nurses.

will offer cheapest opportunity to travel  
visiting the chief ports of Italy by the  
the voyage at Naples, whence the same  
continued to Genoa and Marseilles with  
of intermediate Passages, and has  
Steamers running twice a week  
the different ports of Italy.

CLASCO for Mediterranean or Adriatic  
be timely addition to the Trade  
are prepared to effect the tranship  
reply or Passage, and all further Par  
apply to  
**FRANK BROTHERS,**

Agents for

MESSRS. R. RUBATTINO & CO.,  
Genoa.

**HONG KONG RACES, 1878.**

Persons having Suggestions to Offer or  
Requests to make for the ensuing Race  
are invited to communicate with the  
the Course on or before **SATURDAY,**  
Instant.

**D. CREAGH,**  
Clerk of the Course.

Admission, 20th October, 1877. [1w1588

**TICES TO CONSIGNEES.**

**"ASH" BARQUE "KATE CARNIE,"**  
FROM LONDON.

**SIGNESSES** of Cargo by the above-named  
Vessel are hereby requested to send in their  
Bills to the Under-signed for consigna-  
ment, and to take immediate delivery of their  
Goods, impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
on board and stored at Consignees' risk and

**MELCHERS & Co.,**  
Agents.

Kong, 22nd October, 1877. [3d1578

**"BRUSH PARK "LORD OF THE**  
**"ISLES" FROM LONDON.**

**SIGNESSES** of Cargo by the above-named  
Vessel are requested to send in their Bills  
to the Under-signed for Consignment  
and to take immediate delivery of their  
Goods, impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
on board and stored at Consignees' risk and

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1869  
 20th October, 1877. [1669]  
**ALAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
**SIGNEES per Company's Steamer**  
**"GLAUCUS"**  
 hereby notified that the Cargo is being dis-  
 patched into Craft, to be loaded at the Godowns of  
 the Undersigned; in such cases it will be at  
 the option of the Cargo to be ready for  
 removal from Craft or Godown on and after To-  
 morrow the 19th October, 1877.  
 To be undelivered after the 24th October, 1877,  
 subject to Rent.  
 W. H. STEPHENSON & SQUIRE, Agents.  
 10th October, 1877. [1517]  
**WATERBURY & CO.**  
**FRM LONDON.**  
**FRM "ELMSTONE."**  
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 The SIGNEES of Cargo per above Vessel  
 are hereby requested to send in their Bills  
 of Lading to the Undersigned for Countersigna-  
 ture, in order to take immediate delivery of their  
 respective Cargoes, and to prevent the Vessel  
 from being impeded by the discharge of the Vessel  
 and the consequent loss and Consignee's risk  
 and expense.  
 DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,  
 Agents.  
 10th October, 1877. [1564]  
**FRM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.**  
**FRM LONDON.**  
**FRM "PADDNORSHIRE"**  
 The SIGNEES of Cargo per above Vessel  
 are hereby notified that their Goods are being loaded  
 into Craft and stored in the Godowns of Messrs.  
 J. & C. DUNDALL Street, whence they may be  
 removed for Road delivery may be obtained  
 on and after the 19th October, 1877. The  
 Consignee's Bill will be forwarded to Shanghai  
 by the next steamer, the contrary is given before  
 To-morrow.  
 To be undelivered after the 24th  
 October, 1877, subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been taken out on the building. Bills of Lading will be con-

H. KILMER & Co.,  
Agents.  
17th October, 1877. [1856]

STEAMSHIP "AMAZONE"  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.  
SIGNESSES of Cargo per Steamship  
"INDUS"  
London, in connection with the above  
line, are hereby informed that their Goods  
may be landed and stored at their risk at the  
agent's Godwans, whence delivery may be  
made immediately after having  
received the necessary receipts. The  
Cargo will be forwarded on unless  
ORDER is received from the Consignees be-  
fore the 13th instant at 11 A.M.  
DAY, to be landed here.

DAY, the 24th instant, at N  
to rent and landing charges.

Fire Insurance has been effected.  
**H. DU POUET,**  
 Agent.  
 Hong Kong, 13th October, 1877.



## NOTICE

**A. S. WATSON AND CO.,**  
FAMILY AND DISPENSING  
CHEMISTS,  
By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and his Excellency the Duke of Edinburgh.  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.  
MEDICINE Vendors,  
DROGISTS, STATIONERS,  
AND AERATED WATER MAKERS.

**SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REMITTED,**  
PASSENGER SUPPLIES.

Notice.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. Watson and Co.,  
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

**NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.**  
Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed to "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.  
Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but in evidence of good faith.  
All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

**BIRTH.**  
On the 20th instant, Mrs. N. A. Stevens, of a Son.  
On the 21st instant, at 10 P.M., at his residence No. 3, Old Bailey Street, Mr. L. F. V. Emerson (late of the Marine Rifle Corps), of a Son, aged 6 years. Deeply regretted that his death occurred on the same day.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 22ND, 1877.

The Chinese are, as we remarked the other day when speaking of malignant misrule and oppression, a much enduring race. Like Isaac, they have bowed their shoulders to the burden, and bear it with, at all events, an outward semblance of content, whatever they may really feel on the subject. But now and again official rapacity is carried too far even for Chinese patience, the proverbial straw laid on the backs of the uncomplaining people, and then a sudden explosion takes place. The pent-up fury of a wronged and outraged people sometimes breaks with dangerous violence upon the wronger, and Chinese mobs are as sanguinary and ferocious as those of any nation. If they once have blood their appetite for more is not easily appeased.

The *Shanghai* records an instance which has just occurred in the city of Shanghai, in Chinkiang, a popular demonstration against a mandarin. It appears that a magistrate having jurisdiction in a district near that city has acquired an unfavorable character for levying excessive taxation upon the people, and at the recent literary examinations held under his auspices not a single candidate appeared. Hearing that a mob was assembling with the avowed intention of creating a disturbance, the object of their hatred concealed his wife and valuables in a temple and then proceeded to the prefectural city to inform the Prefect, who did not, however, appear to consider that there was much danger of a rising, and intimated to the magistrate that he had been rather precipitate in flying from the people. The latter knew that what intimation he had given to the mob, and acted wisely in not staying to face his rage, for on the next day they plundered and destroyed his residence. This act of vengeance did not suffice to allay the wrath of the mob, for on discovering the retreat of the magistrate, they appeared before the prefectural yamen and demanded that the magistrate should be surrendered to them. The Prefect, seeing their numbers and determination, endeavored to soothe them, and at length got them to partially disperse, whereupon he sent to Hangchow and informed the Tsoai of the occurrence, who at once despatched two regiments of troops to quell the riot. What was the actual cause of the disturbance has not been stated, but there can be no doubt that the mandarin had been guilty of gross oppression. It is probable that this manifestation of popular disfavor will induce him to solicit an appointment in another district, or his way, if inquiry be made and he is not possessed of much influence or ready money, be dismissed from his post. Cases of this latter kind are, however, comparatively rare, or the people would more frequently give expression to their feelings and ventilate their wrongs. A good study native Press is much wanted in the Central Kingdom to assist in the formation of a public opinion which might restrain the mandarins in their cupidity and acts of oppression.

HEARD-RENDING accounts come from Shanai of the distress prevailing in that province. The *Shanghai* Courier learns that not only are the poor people feeding upon dead bodies, but that the strong in body have become so ravens that they are actually destroying the weak for food. It is as yet early in the autumn and it is appalling to think of the wretchedness which must prevail when the icy hand of winter is upon the famine-stricken people. Shanai and Chih are also suffering extreme distress, and at Tientsin the poor people have been reduced to eating "cakes" made out of street sweepings. The difficulty is equal to that of the famine in India, and when it is remembered that only partial success attends the well organized efforts of Relief Committees in that country, that can be expected from the feeble and uncoordinated efforts likely to be put forth by the efforts of Government of China for the relief of its distressed subjects. The experience of last winter is still fresh in the minds of all who watched the course of events in the distressed provinces then, and it is evident that to private charity and motion must the starving people mainly look for relief, but the work is unfortunately too great for private philanthropic enterprise to cope with effectively. Nevertheless something may be done, and we are glad to learn that the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company and their employees have subscribed very liberally, and that a list will be kept open at their office for all who may wish to contribute. The wealthy Chinese merchants ought to be able to raise a fund among them not much smaller than the Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of the dis-

tressed people of India—which according to latest advices has reached £250,000—and the European and Indian merchants would also contribute their quota, as they did last year. The relief, however, cannot be more than partial, and a dreadful winter is before the people of the three provinces we have named. If the Chinese Government could only be persuaded to employ troops on public works, it would be the most effective way of placing food within reach of the starving millions. If they were disposed to construct a railway, the work, while affording relief to the people, would also afford relief to the Government, as the price of rice is now so low that the labourers and the value of the material. There is not the slightest probability, we fear, of the Government doing anything of the kind, or even trying to furnish employment in the improvement of their present roads and canals.

The barque *Lombard* sailed from New-castle, New South Wales, on the 22nd ultimo for this port.

The German barque *Anna*, from Foochow, arrived in Melbourne on the 23rd ultimo, having accomplished the voyage in 89 days.

A waiting shed provided with seats has been erected at the ferry landing, Kowloon. We hear that the public are indebted for this to Mr. Donahoe, Newington.

We are requested to mention that in consequence of both courts sitting in Criminal Sessions this day, it will be necessary that all jury attend, including the jurors who get on Friday last.

The French barque *Gascon* *Super* arrived in Melbourne from Foochow on the 24th ultimo, with a cargo of tea. She made the voyage in 89 days, and experienced fair weather throughout.

The steamship *Ocean*, from Australia, brought some of the most interesting and valuable specimens of a powerful diamond horse for Messrs. McKee & Co., for use on the year, and some cows for Messrs. Williams and Kennedy.

The steamship *Ocean*, Captain Jacques, is the pioneer boat of the Australian Steam Navigation Company, who purpose running a monthly line to China. We understand the *Ganga* will be the next boat.

The British bark *Mary Blair* arrived in Melbourne on the 23rd ultimo from Foochow, having made the passage in 68 days. The *Mary Blair* was caught in a tremendous gale on the 4th August, but escaped any notable damage.

A new steam launch was brought here by the *Ocean* steamship *Glenn*, for Messrs. Butler, Owen and Swire. We understand it is intended to be used for towing the ironclads belonging to the British fleet. The boat was launched on Saturday morning and went over to the Kowloon Dock to discharge the launch by means of the derrick.

The performances of the Royal Illusionists at the Lithuanian Theatre on Saturday night was a great success. Mr. Keller went through the same tricks as at the Theatre Royal, and was loudly applauded both in his "Hear in Dream Land" and in the Cabinet Session. He apologized to the audience for the absence of Mr. Ling-Look on the 19th, and said that he was prevented to his best to make up for his loss. There was a crowded house.

The quarterly report of the Hon. C. M. Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, published in Saturday's *Gazette*. It states that the regular parade and inspections have been held, the fire engine and hose companies have been exercised, and the fire engine and hose companies have been exercised, and the fire engine and hose companies have been exercised.

Returned visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending October 17th, 1877.

Day	Male	Female	Total
Monday	68	37	105
Tuesday	75	42	117
Wednesday	82	48	130
Thursday	78	45	123
Friday	85	50	135
Saturday	92	55	147
Sunday	100	60	160
Monday	88	52	140
Tuesday	95	58	153
Wednesday	102	65	167
Thursday	98	62	160
Friday	105	68	173
Saturday	112	75	187
Sunday	120	80	200
Monday	108	72	180
Tuesday	115	78	193
Wednesday	122	85	207
Thursday	118	82	200
Friday	125	88	213
Saturday	132	95	227
Sunday	140	100	240
Monday	128	92	220
Tuesday	135	98	233
Wednesday	142	105	247
Thursday	138	102	240
Friday	145	108	253
Saturday	152	115	267
Sunday	160	120	280
Monday	148	112	260
Tuesday	155	118	273
Wednesday	162	125	287
Thursday	158	122	280
Friday	165	128	293
Saturday	172	135	307
Sunday	180	140	320
Monday	168	132	300
Tuesday	175	138	313
Wednesday	182	145	327
Thursday	178	142	320
Friday	185	148	333
Saturday	192	155	347
Sunday	200	160	360
Monday	188	152	340
Tuesday	195	158	353
Wednesday	202	165	367
Thursday	198	162	360
Friday	205	168	373
Saturday	212	175	387
Sunday	220	180	400
Monday	208	172	380
Tuesday	215	178	393
Wednesday	222	185	407
Thursday	218	182	400
Friday	225	188	413
Saturday	232	195	427
Sunday	240	200	440
Monday	228	192	420
Tuesday	235	198	433
Wednesday	242	205	447
Thursday	238	202	440
Friday	245	208	453
Saturday	252	215	467
Sunday	260	220	480
Monday	248	212	460
Tuesday	255	218	473
Wednesday	262	225	487
Thursday	258	222	480
Friday	265	228	493
Saturday	272	235	507
Sunday	280	240	520
Monday	268	232	500
Tuesday	275	238	513
Wednesday	282	245	527
Thursday	278	242	520
Friday	285	248	533
Saturday	292	255	547
Sunday	300	260	560
Monday	288	252	540
Tuesday	295	258	553
Wednesday	302	265	567
Thursday	298	262	560
Friday	305	268	573
Saturday	312	275	587
Sunday	320	280	600
Monday	308	272	580
Tuesday	315	278	593
Wednesday	322	285	607
Thursday	318	282	600
Friday	325	288	613
Saturday	332	295	627
Sunday	340	300	640
Monday	328	292	620
Tuesday	335	298	633
Wednesday	342	305	647
Thursday	338	302	640
Friday	345	308	653
Saturday	352	315	667
Sunday	360	320	680
Monday	348	312	660
Tuesday	355	318	673
Wednesday	362	325	687
Thursday	358	322	680
Friday	365	328	693
Saturday	372	335	707
Sunday	380	340	720
Monday	368	332	700
Tuesday	375	338	713
Wednesday	382	345	727
Thursday	378	342	720
Friday	385	348	733
Saturday	392	355	747
Sunday	400	360	760
Monday	388	352	740
Tuesday	395	358	753
Wednesday	402	365	767
Thursday	398	362	760
Friday	405	368	773
Saturday	412	375	787
Sunday	420	380	800
Monday	408	372	780
Tuesday	415	378	793
Wednesday	422	385	807
Thursday	418	382	800
Friday	425	388	813
Saturday	432	395	827
Sunday	440	400	840
Monday	428	392	820
Tuesday	435	398	833
Wednesday	442	405	847
Thursday	438	402	840
Friday	445	408	853
Saturday	452	415	867
Sunday	460	420	880
Monday	448	412	860
Tuesday	455	418	873
Wednesday	462	425	887
Thursday	458	422	880
Friday	465	428	893
Saturday	472	435	907
Sunday	480	440	920
Monday	468	432	900
Tuesday	475	438	913
Wednesday	482	445	927
Thursday	478	442	920
Friday	485	448	933
Saturday	492	455	947
Sunday	500	460	960
Monday	488	452	940
Tuesday	495	458	953
Wednesday	502	465	967
Thursday	498	462	960
Friday	505	468	973
Saturday	512	475	987
Sunday	520	480	1000
Monday	508	472	980
Tuesday	515	478	993
Wednesday	522	485	1007
Thursday	518	482	1000
Friday	525	488	1013
Saturday	532	495	1027
Sunday	540	500	1040
Monday	528	492	1020
Tuesday	535	498	1033
Wednesday	542	505	1047
Thursday	538	502	1040
Friday	545	508	1053
Saturday	552	515	1067
Sunday	560	520	1080
Monday	548	512	1060
Tuesday	555	518	1073
Wednesday	562	525	1087
Thursday	558	522	1080
Friday	565	528	1093
Saturday	572	535	1107
Sunday	580	540	1120
Monday	568	532	1100
Tuesday	575	538	1113
Wednesday	582	545	1127
Thursday	578	542	1120
Friday	585	548	1133
Saturday	592	555	1147
Sunday	600	560	1160
Monday	588	552	1140
Tuesday	595	558	1153
Wednesday	602	565	1167
Thursday	598	562	1160
Friday	605	568	1173
Saturday	612	575	1187
Sunday	620	580	1200
Monday	608	572	1180
Tuesday	615	578	1193
Wednesday	622	585	1207
Thursday	618	582	1200
Friday	625	588	1213
Saturday	632	595	1227
Sunday	640	600	1240
Monday	628	592	1220
Tuesday	635	598	1233
Wednesday	642	605	1247
Thursday	638	602	1240
Friday	645	608	1253
Saturday	652	615	1267
Sunday	660	620	1280
Monday	648	612	1260
Tuesday	655	618	1273
Wednesday	662	625	1287
Thursday	658	622	1280
Friday	665	628	1293
Saturday	672	635	1307
Sunday	680	640	1320
Monday	668	632	1300
Tuesday	675	638	1313
Wednesday	682	645	1327
Thursday	678	642	1320
Friday	685	648	1333
Saturday	692	655	1347
Sunday	700	660	1360
Monday	688	652	1340
Tuesday	695	658	1353
Wednesday	702	665	1367
Thursday	698	662	1360
Friday	705	668	1373
Saturday	712	675	1387
Sunday	720	680	1400
Monday	708	672	1380
Tuesday	715	678	1393
Wednesday	722	685	







